



## Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DCR Announces Public Meeting for Forest Management Project in Marlboro Sudbury State Forest

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bureau of Forestry will be co-hosting a public meeting and forum with the City of Marlboro and the Sudbury Valley Trustees to discuss forest habitat management projects in the "Desert Natural Area".

The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Winterberry Way, Sudbury.

The forest habitat projects in the Desert Natural Area involve enhancing pitch pine – scrub oak barrens, a rare forest habitat condition in Massachusetts. DCR's forest management project will include harvesting competing white pine, white and red oak from pitch pine stands as well as thinning in red pine, white pine and red oak stands.

The website address to view this forest management proposal is: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/proposed-forest-management-projects.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/proposed-forest-management-projects.html</a>

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